

Appl. No. 10/692,238
Response dated June 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 20, 2004

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to cancel non-elected claims and add dependent claims (similar to claims 10-19 as filed) to the elected claims. No new matter has been added to the application.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 56-63 (and new claims 65-74), without traverse. Should it be necessary to elect a species, then Applicant elects the species of heel shown in Fig. 19.

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely. Please charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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